

Town of Somers  
Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council  
Thursday, August 6, 2020  
8:00 A.M.  
Meeting Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Emergency Management Director Glen Reynolds at 8:00

**II. Members present:** Glen Reynolds Todd Rolland, John Roache, Karen Hocking, Mike Hevey, Peter DeBrino and Dan Thayer

Also in attendance were Steve Jacobs, Allison Maynard, Bill Boutwell, Paula LaFrance, and Frank Porier

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

COVID-19 Update:

Steve Jacobs: 12 new prison cases reported in the prisons and 2 new residential cases.

Chief Roache: Slight uptick in Covid calls. Hearing a possibility of 100 cases at the prison. DPH and DOC are not getting along so reporting is not good. Opening fire station as a cooling/charging/water station for the residents.

Paula LaFrance: Due to the storm, the transfer station is open every day for the disposal of brush. About 2,000 homes are without power this is about 50% of the town

Todd Rolland: There are 23 locations that Eversource is needed to be able to clear. 17 roads remain closed. 6 roads are open to 1 lane only. No town buildings were damaged during the storm however a few buildings are having alarm issues.

Bill Boutwell: Education plans were submitted to the state on 7/24/2020. An announcement will be made tomorrow or next week as to what plan the town will be going with.

Glen Reynolds: Storm really hit the town pretty hard. Quite a bit of wind damage done to trees and power lines. Several homes were hit by trees and have significant damage. Continuing weekly PPE pickups in West Hartford although it will be ending soon.

Allison Maynard: There has been an uptick in rental assistance requests. Working with the LTRC and making some good progress. Survey was sent out to residents seeking info as to how the town is handling the pandemic.

#### **IV New Business**

Karen Hocking: CERT team has been pretty active lately. Assisted with the march held on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Came in and helped out during the storm. Answered phones, helped with documentation, updated google doc that FD and DPW were working off of, and updated WEB EOC with incidents and closed roads. We will be manning the firehouse to assist with the cooling/charging station. State recognized us for our excellent WEB EOC data entry during the storm.

Discussion on showers being opened during this storms aftermath. Discussion followed and decision made that during the pandemic showers in town buildings, WILL NOT be available to general public.

#### **V Approval of Minutes:**

Todd Rolland made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 meeting, John Roache seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

#### **VI Adjournment**

Motion made by Todd Rolland to adjourn, John Roache seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40A.M.